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The Three Hour Service Memorial of the Agony of Our Blessed Saviour upon the Cross

A Devotion for Good Friday, from the sixth to the ninth hour while "there was darkness over all the earth," with appropriate Hymns, Psalms and Prayers

"Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?"

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Suggestions

The service to begin promptly at noon.

It will add to the helpfulness of the service if worshipers will take seats toward the front.

It will add to the quiet of the service, if persons entering and leaving the church will do so only during the singing of the hymns.

This service may be shortened if desired, by omitting the Versicles before the Meditation upon each word.

On any day when Morning and Evening Prayer shall have been said or are to be said in Church, the Minister may, at any other Service for which no form is provided, use such devotions as he shall at his discretion select from this Book, subject to the direction of the Ordinary.—*Rubric from the Prayer Book.*

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Introductory Service

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12.00 M.

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"They crucified Him."

HYMN 159.

THERE is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall,
Where the dear LORD was crucified,
Who died to save us all.

2 We may not know, we cannot tell,
What pains He had to bear,
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.

3 He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by His precious blood.

4 There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin,
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven, and let us in.

5 Oh, dearly, dearly has He loved,
And we must love Him, too,
And trust in His redeeming blood,
And try His works to do.
Amen.

In the Name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST. *Amen.*

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

DIRECT us, O LORD, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

O LORD, open Thou our lips.
Ans. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Glory be to the FATHER, and to the SON, and to the HOLY GHOST;

Ans. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Minister. Praise ye the LORD.
Ans. The LORD'S Name be praised.

PSALM 42. *Quemadmodum.*

LIKE as the hart desireth the water-brooks: so longeth my soul after Thee, O GOD.

2 My soul is athirst for GOD, yea, even for the living GOD: when shall I come to appear before the presence of GOD?

3 My tears have been my meat day and night: while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy GOD?

4 Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself: for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of GOD;

5 In the voice of praise and thanksgiving: among such as keep holy-day.

6 Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within me?

7 Put thy trust in GOD: for I will yet give Him thanks for the help of His countenance.

8 My GOD, my soul is vexed within me: therefore will I remember Thee concerning the land of Jordan, and the little hill of Hermon.

9 One deep calleth another, because of the noise of Thy water-pipes: all Thy waves and storms are gone over me.

10 The LORD hath granted His loving kindness in the daytime: and in the night season did I sing of Him, and made my prayer unto the GOD of my life.

11 I will say unto the GOD of my strength, Why hast Thou forgotten me: why go I thus heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

12 My bones are smitten asunder as with a sword: while mine enemies that trouble me cast me in the teeth;

13 Namely, while they say daily unto me: Where is now thy GOD?

14 Why art thou so vexed, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within me?

15 O put thy trust in GOD: for I will yet thank Him, which is the help of my countenance, and my GOD.

GLORIA PATRI.

GLORY be to the FATHER, and to the SON: and to the HOLY GHOST;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

HYMN 153.

O COME and mourn with me awhile,
And tarry here the cross beside;
Oh, come, together let us mourn;
JESUS, our LORD, is crucified.

2 Have we no tears to shed for Him,
While soldiers scoff and Jews deride?
Ah, look how patiently He hangs;
JESUS, our LORD, is crucified!

3 Seven times He spake, Seven Words of Love;
And all three hours His silence cried
For mercy on the souls of men;
JESUS, our LORD, is crucified.

4 Oh, Love of God! Oh, sin of man!
In this dread act your strength is tried,
And victory remains with Love:
For Thou, our LORD, art crucified!

Amen.

(INTRODUCTORY MEDITATION.)

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who hast given Thine only SON to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that His inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life; through the same JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting GOD, Who, of Thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent Thy SON, our SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of HIS resurrection; through the same JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

2 COR. xiii, 14.

THE grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, and the love of GOD, and the fellowship of the HOLY GHOST, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

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12.25 P. M.

The First Word

"FATHER, FORGIVE THEM, FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO."

"Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow."

HYMN 160.

Tune: Breslau or Old Hundred

WE sing the praise of Him Who died,
Of Him Who died upon the cross:
The sinner's hope let men deride:
For this we count the world but loss.

2 Inscribed upon the cross we see
In shining letters, God is love!
He bears our sins upon the tree:
He brings us mercy from above.

3 The cross—it takes our guilt away;
It holds the fainting spirit up;
It cheers with hope the gloomy day,
And sweetens every bitter cup.

4 It makes the coward spirit brave,
And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes its terror from the grave,
And gilds the bed of death with light.

5 The balm of life, the cure of woe,
The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinner's refuge here below,
The angels' theme in heaven above.

Amen.

PSALM 6.

Domine, ne in furore.

O LORD, rebuke me not in Thine indignation; neither chasten me in Thy displeasure.

2 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am weak: O LORD,

heal me, for my bones are vexed.

3 My soul also is sore troubled: but LORD, how long wilt Thou punish me?

4 Turn Thee, O LORD, and deliver my soul: O save me, for Thy mercy's sake.

5 For in death no man remembereth Thee: and who will give Thee thanks in the pit?

6 I am weary of my groaning, every night wash I my bed: and water my couch with my tears.

7 My beauty is gone for very trouble: and worn away because of all mine enemies.

8 Away from me, all ye that work vanity: for the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.

9 The LORD hath heard my petition: the LORD will receive my prayer.

10 All mine enemies shall be confounded and sore vexed: they shall be turned back, and put to shame suddenly. *Gloria Patri.*

The LORD be with you.
And with Thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O Lamb of GOD, Who takest away the sins of the world;
Grant us Thy peace.
O Lamb of GOD, Who takest away the sins of the world;
Have mercy upon us.
O CHRIST, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.
LORD, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
CHRIST, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
LORD, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our FATHER, etc.

O LORD, deal not with us according to our sins.
Ans. Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

O SAVIOUR of the world, Who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O LORD.

(MEDITATION ON THE FIRST WORD.)

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting GOD, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the GOD of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

O LORD, Who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; send Thy HOLY GHOST, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee. Grant this for Thine only SON JESUS CHRIST'S sake. *Amen.*

THE grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, and the love of GOD, and the fellowship of the HOLY GHOST, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

12.50 P. M.

The Second Word

"TO-DAY SHALT THOU BE WITH ME IN PARADISE."

"Lord, remember me."

HYMN 401.

O THOU, from Whom all goodness flows,
I lift my heart to Thee;
In all my sorrows, conflicts, woes,
Dear LORD, remember me.

2 When on my aching, burdened heart
My sins lie heavily,
Thy pardon grant, Thy peace impart:
In love, remember me.

3 When trials sore obstruct my way,
And ills I cannot flee,
O let my strength be as my day;
For good, remember me.

4 If worn with pain, disease and grief,
This feeble frame should be,
Grant patience, rest, and kind relief:
Hear and remember me.

5 And oh, when in the hour of death
I own Thy just decree,
Be this the prayer of my last breath,
Dear LORD, remember me.
Amen.

PSALM 32. *Beati quorum.*

BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven: and whose sin is covered.

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth no sin: and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3 For whilst I held my tongue: my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.

4 For Thy hand is heavy upon me day and night: and my moisture is like the drought in summer.

5 I will acknowledge my sin unto Thee: and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

6 I said, I will confess my sins unto the LORD: and so Thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

7 For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto Thee, in a time when Thou mayest be found: but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh him.

8 Thou art a place to hide me in; Thou shalt preserve me from trouble: Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

9 I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go: and I will guide thee with mine eye.

10 Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding: whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.

11 Great plagues remain for the ungodly: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD, mercy embraceth him on every side.

12 Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the LORD: and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart. *Gloria Patri.*

The LORD be with you.
And with Thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O Lamb of GOD, Who takest away the sins of the world;
Grant us Thy peace.
O Lamb of GOD, Who takest away the sins of the world;
Have mercy upon us.

O CHRIST, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.
LORD, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
CHRIST, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
LORD, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our FATHER, etc.

O LORD, deal not with us according to our sins.
Ans. Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

O SAVIOUR of the world, Who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O LORD.

(MEDITATION ON THE SECOND WORD.)

Let us pray.

O HOLY JESUS, Who of Thine infinite goodness didst accept the conversion of a sinner on the Cross: open Thine eye of mercy upon this Thy servant, who desireth pardon and forgiveness. Renew in me whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by my own carnal will and frailness. Consider my contrition; accept my repentance; and forasmuch as I put my full trust only in Thy mercy, impute not unto me my former sins, but strengthen me with Thy blessed SPIRIT; and when Thou art pleased to take me hence, take me unto Thy favor. This I beg through Thy merits, O LORD, my SAVIOUR and my REDEEMER. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting GOD, Who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy: forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of JESUS CHRIST, Thy SON, our LORD. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, and the love of GOD, and the fellowship of the HOLY GHOST, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

1.10 P. M.

The Third Word

"WOMAN, BEHOLD THY SON, SON, BEHOLD THY MOTHER."

"Now there stood by the Cross of Jesus, His Mother, and His mother's sister, Mary, the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene, and the disciple whom He loved."

HYMN 157.

SWEET the moments, rich in blessing,
Which before the Cross I spend;
Life, and health, and peace possessing;
From the sinner's dying Friend.

2 Here I kneel, in wonder viewing
Mercy poured in streams of blood;
Precious drops, for pardon suing,
Make, and plead my peace with GOD.

3 Truly blessed is the station
Low before His Cross to lie;
While I see Divine compassion
Pleading in His dying eye.

4 LORD, in loving contemplation
Fix my heart and eyes on Thee,
Till I taste Thy full salvation
And Thine unveil'd glories see.

Amen.

PSALM 119. *Legem pone.*

TEACH me, O LORD, the way of Thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy law: yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

35 Make me to go in the path of Thy commandments: for therein is my desire.

36 Incline my heart unto Thy testimonies: and not to covetousness.

37 O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity: and quicken Thou me in Thy way.

38 O stablish Thy word in Thy servant: that I may fear Thee.

39 Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of: for Thy judgments are good.

40 Behold, my delight is in Thy commandments: O quicken me in thy righteousness.

Gloria Patri.

The LORD be with you.
And with Thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O Lamb of GOD, Who takest away the sins of the world;
Grant us Thy peace.
O Lamb of GOD, Who takest away the sins of the world;
Have mercy upon us.
O CHRIST, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.
LORD, have mercy upon us.
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CHRIST, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
LORD, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Our Father, etc.
O LORD, deal not with us according to our sins.
Ans. Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

O SAVIOUR of the world, Who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us,

we humbly beseech Thee, O LORD.

(MEDITATION ON THE THIRD WORD.)

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Thy SON, CHRIST our LORD; grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love Thee; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

AND accept, O LORD, our intercessions for all mankind. Let the light of Thy Gospel shine upon all nations; and may as many as have received it, live as becomes it. Be gracious unto Thy Church; and grant that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may serve Thee faithfully. Bless all in authority over us; and so rule their hearts and strengthen their hands, that they may punish wickedness and vice, and maintain thy true religion and virtue. Send down Thy blessings, temporal and spiritual, upon all our relations, friends and neighbours. Reward all who have done us good, and pardon all those who have done or wish us evil, and give them repentance and better minds. Be merciful to all who are in any trouble; and do Thou, the GOD of pity, administer to them according to their several necessities; for His sake Who went about doing good, Thy SON our SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST. *Amen.*

THE grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, and the love of GOD, and the fellowship of the HOLY GHOST, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

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1.35 P. M.

The Fourth Word

"MY GOD! MY GOD! WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?"

"Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows."

HYMN 158.

Tune: St. Christopher.

O SACRED Head surrounded
By crown of piercing thorn!
O bleeding Head, so wounded,
Reviled and put to scorn!
Death's pallid hue comes o'er Thee,
The glow of life decays,
Yet angel-hosts adore Thee,
And tremble as they gaze.

2 I see Thy strength and vigor,
All fading in the strife,
And death with cruel rigor,
Bereaving Thee of life;
O agony and dying!
O love to sinners free!
JESU, all grace supplying,
Oh turn Thy face on me.

3 In this, Thy bitter passion,
GOOD SHEPHERD, think of me
With Thy most sweet compassion,
Unworthy though I be;
Beneath Thy cross abiding
Forever would I rest,
In Thy dear love confiding,
And with Thy presence blest.

4 Be near when I am dying;
Oh, show Thy cross to me;
And to my succor flying,
Come, LORD, and set me free.
These eyes, new faith receiving,
From JESUS shall not move;
For he, who dies believing,
Dies safely through Thy love.
Amen.

PSALM 38.

Domine, ne in furore.

PUT me not to rebuke, O LORD, in Thine anger; neither chasten me in Thy heavy displeasure.

2 For Thine arrows stick fast in me: and Thy hand presseth me sore.

3 There is no health in my flesh, because of Thy displeasure: neither is there any rest in my bones, by reason of my sin.

4 For my wickednesses are gone over my head: and are like a sore burden, too heavy for me to bear.

5 My wounds stink, and are corrupt: through my foolishness.

6 I am brought into so great trouble and misery: that I go mourning all the day long.

7 For my loins are filled with a sore disease: and there is no whole part in my body.

8 I am feeble and sore smitten: I have roared for the very disquietness of my heart.

9 LORD, Thou knowest all my desire: and my groaning is not hid from Thee.

10 My heart panteth, my strength hath failed me: and the light of mine eyes is gone from me.

11 My lovers and my neighbours did stand looking upon my trouble: and my kinsmen stood afar off.

12 They also that sought after my life laid snares for me: and they that went about to do me evil talked of wickedness, and imagined deceit all the day long.

13 As for me, I was like a deaf man, and heard not: and as one that is dumb, who doth not open his mouth.

14 I became even as a man that heareth not: and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

15 For in Thee, O LORD, have I put my trust: Thou shalt answer for me, O LORD my GOD.

16 I have required that they, even mine enemies, should not triumph over me: for when my foot slipt, they rejoiced greatly against me.

17 And I truly am set in the plague: and my heaviness is ever in my sight.

18 For I will confess my wickedness: and be sorry for my sin.

19 But mine enemies live, and are mighty: and they that hate me wrongfully are many in number.

20 They also that reward evil for good are against me: because I follow the thing that good is.

21 Forsake me not, O LORD my GOD: be not Thou far from me.

22 Haste Thee to help me: O LORD GOD of my salvation.
Gloria Patri.

The LORD be with you.
And with Thy Spirit.

Let us pray.

O Lamb of GOD, Who takest away the sins of the world;
Grant us Thy peace.

O Lamb of GOD, Who takest away the sins of the world;
Have mercy upon us.
O CHRIST, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.
LORD, have mercy upon us.
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CHRIST, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
LORD, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, etc.

O LORD, deal not with us according to our sins.
Ans. Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

O SAVIOUR of the world, Who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O LORD.

(MEDITATION ON THE FOURTH WORD.)

Let us pray.

WE humbly beseech Thee, O FATHER, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of Thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy, and evermore serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, to Thy honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in Thee, without Whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy; that, Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O HEAVENLY FATHER, for JESUS CHRIST'S sake, our LORD. *Amen.*

THE grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, and the love of GOD, and the fellowship of the HOLY GHOST, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

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2.00 P. M.

The Fifth Word

"I THIRST."

"My soul thirsteth for Thee, my flesh also longeth after Thee; in a barren and dry land where no water is."

HYMN 408.

FAR from my heavenly home,
Far from my FATHER'S breast,
Fainting I cry, blest SPIRIT come,
And speed me to my rest.

2 My spirit homeward turns,
And fain would thither flee;
My heart, O Sion, droops and yearns,
When I remember thee.

3 To thee, to thee I press,
A dark and toilsome road;
When shall I pass the wilderness,
And reach the saints' abode?

4 God of my life, be near:
On Thee my hopes I cast:
O guide me through the desert here,
And bring me home at last.
Amen.

Psalm 130.

De profundis.

OUT of the deep have I called unto Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

2 O let Thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint.

3 If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it?

4 For there is mercy with Thee: therefore shalt Thou be feared.

5 I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for Him: in His word is my trust.

6 My soul fleeth unto the Lord: before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy: and with Him is plenteous redemption.

8 And He shall redeem Israel: from all his sins. *Gloria Patri.*

The Lord be with you.
And with Thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world;
Grant us Thy peace.
O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world;
Have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
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Our Father, etc.

O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins.
Ans. Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

O SAVIOUR of the world, Who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

(MEDITATION ON THE FIFTH WORD.)

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; grant unto Thy people, that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, Who hast prepared for those who love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire;

through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

O MOST gracious and merciful GOD, we earnestly beseech Thee to have pity and compassion upon us Thy servants. Visit us, O LORD, with Thy mercy and salvation; convince us of the miserable condition we are in, by our sins and wickedness; and let Thy powerful grace produce in us such a godly sorrow, and sincere repentance, as Thou wilt be pleased to accept. Give us a strong and lively faith in Thy SON, our blessed SAVIOUR, and make it effectual to the salvation of our souls. O LORD, in judgment remember mercy, and whatever sufferings we are to endure in this world, yet deliver us, O GOD, from the bitter pains of eternal death. Pardon our sins, and save our souls, for the sake and merits of Thy dear SON, our blessed SAVIOUR and REDEEMER. *Amen.*

THE grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, and the love of GOD, and the fellowship of the HOLY GHOST, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

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2.20 P. M.

The Sixth Word

"IT IS FINISHED."

"He said, It is finished: and He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost."

HYMN 84 (Old Hymnal).

Tune: Federal Street.

'TIS finished: so the SAVIOUR cried,
And meekly bow'd His head and died;
'Tis finished: yes, the work is done,
The battle fought, the victory won.

2 'Tis finished: all that Heaven decreed,
And all the ancient prophets said,
Is now fulfill'd, as long designed,
In Me, the SAVIOUR of mankind.

3 'Tis finished: Aaron now no more
Must stain his robes with purple gore;
The sacred veil is rent in twain,
And Jewish rites no more remain.

4 'Tis finished: this My dying groan
Shall sins of every kind atone.
Millions shall be redeem'd from death
By this, my last expiring breath.

5 'Tis finished: Heaven is reconciled,
And all the powers of darkness spoiled:
Peace, love and happiness again
Return and dwell with sinful men.

6 'Tis finished: let the joyful sound
Be heard through all the nations round.
'Tis finish'd: let the echo fly
Through Heaven and hell, through earth and sky.
Amen

PSALM 142.

Voce mea ad Dominum.

I CRIED unto the LORD with my voice: yea, even unto the LORD did I make my supplication.

2 I poured out my complaints before Him: and showed Him of my trouble.

3 When my spirit was in heaviness, Thou knewest my path: in the way wherein I walked, have they privily laid a snare for me.

4 I looked also upon my right hand: and saw there was no man that would know me.

5 I had no place to flee unto: and no man cared for my soul.

6 I cried unto Thee, O LORD, and said: Thou art my hope, and my portion in the land of the living.

7 Consider my complaint: for I am brought very low.

8 O deliver me from my persecutors: for they are too strong for me.

9 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks unto Thy Name: which thing if Thou wilt grant me, then shall the righteous resort unto my company. *Gloria Patri.*

The LORD be with you.
And with Thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O Lamb of GOD, Who takest away the sins of the world;
Grant us Thy peace.
O Lamb of GOD, Who takest away the sins of the world;
Have mercy upon us.
O CHRIST, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.
LORD, have mercy upon us.
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CHRIST, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
LORD, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, etc.

O LORD, deal not with us according to our sins.
Ans. Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

O SAVIOUR of the world. Who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O LORD.

(MEDITATION ON THE SIXTH WORD.)

Let us pray.

LORD of all power and might, Who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of Thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same: through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong; nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy; that, Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O HEAVENLY FATHER, for JESUS CHRIST'S sake our LORD. *Amen.*

STIR up, we beseech Thee, O LORD, the wills of Thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by Thee be plenteously rewarded: through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

THE grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, and the love of GOD, and the fellowship of the HOLY GHOST, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

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2.45 P. M.

The Seventh Word

"FATHER, INTO THY HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT."

"For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever."

HYMN 154.

WHEN I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, LORD, that I should boast,
Save in the cross of CHRIST, my GOD,
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet?
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Amen.

PSALM 121. *Levavi oculas meas.*

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.

2 My help cometh even from the LORD: Who hath made heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and He that keepeth thee will not sleep.

4 Behold, He that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The LORD Himself is thy keeper: the LORD is thy defence upon thy right hand;

6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

8 He shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in: from this time forth for ever more. *Gloria Patri.*

The LORD be with you.
And with Thy spirit.

Let us pray.

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Grant us Thy peace.
O Lamb of GOD, Who takest away the sins of the world;
Have mercy upon us.

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(MEDITATION ON THE SEVENTH WORD.)

The Nicene Creed.

I BELIEVE in one GOD the FATHER ALMIGHTY, Maker of heaven and earth. And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one LORD JESUS CHRIST, the only-begotten SON of GOD; Begotten of HIS FATHER before all worlds, GOD of GOD, Light of Light, Very GOD of very GOD; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the FATHER; By Whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the HOLY GHOST of the Virgin Mary, and was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the FATHER: And He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the HOLY GHOST, The LORD, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the FATHER and the SON; Who with the FATHER and the SON together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets; And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who by Thy death didst take away the sting of death; Grant unto Thy servants so to follow in faith where Thou hast led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in Thee, and awake up after Thy likeness; through Thy mercy, Who livest with the FATHER and the HOLY GHOST, one GOD, world without end. *Amen.*

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech Thee, O LORD; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy only SON, our SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST. *Amen.*

SILENCE.

O GOD, Whose days are without end, and Whose mercies cannot be numbered; make us, we beseech Thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of

human life; and let Thy HOLY SPIRIT lead us through this vale of misery, in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our lives: that, when we shall have served Thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favor with Thee our GOD, and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

GRANT, O LORD, that as we are baptized into the death of Thy Blessed SON, our SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST, so by continually mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him; and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for His merits, Who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, Thy SON JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

Benediction.

THE GOD of peace, Who brought again from the dead our LORD JESUS CHRIST, the great SHEPHERD of the sheep, through the Blood of the everlasting covenant; make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight; through JESUS CHRIST, to Whom be glory forever and ever. *Amen.*

HYMN 152.

Tune: Crucifixion.

IN the cross of CHRIST I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me:
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming,
Adds new lustre to the day.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified:
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

5 In the cross of CHRIST I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

Amen.

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"IF ANY MAN COME AFTER ME, LET HIM TAKE UP HIS CROSS *daily* AND FOLLOW ME."

Alternate Creed and Hymns

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THE APOSTLES CREED.

I BELIEVE in God the FATHER ALMIGHTY, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in JESUS CHRIST his only SON our LORD: Who was conceived by the HOLY GHOST, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of GOD the FATHER ALMIGHTY: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the HOLY GHOST: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN 149.

O LAMB of God, still keep me
Near to Thy wounded side!
'Tis only there in safety
And peace I can abide.
What foes and snares surround me!
What lusts and fears within!
The grace that sought and found me,
Alone can keep me clean.

2 'Tis only in Thee hiding,
I feel my life secure;
Only in Thee abiding,
The conflict can endure;
Thine arm the victory gaineth
O'er every hurtful foe;
Thy love my heart sustaineth
In all its care and woe.

3 Soon shall my eyes behold Thee,
With rapture, face to face;
One-half hath not been told me
Of all Thy power and grace;
Thy beauty, LORD, and glory,
The wonders of Thy love,
Shall be the endless story
Of all Thy saints above.
Amen.

HYMN 148.

BEHOLD the Lamb of God!
O thou for sinners slain,
Let it not be in vain
That thou hast died:
Thee for my Saviour let me take,
My only refuge let me make
Thy pierced side.

2 Behold the Lamb of God!
Into the sacred flood
Of thy most precious blood
My soul I cast:
Wash me and make me clean within,
And keep me pure from every sin,
Till life be past.

3 Behold the Lamb of God!
All hail, incarnate Word,
Thou everlasting Lord,
Saviour most blest;
Fill us with love that never faints,
Grant us with all thy blessed saints,
Eternal rest.

4 Behold the Lamb of God!
Worthy is he alone,
That sitteth on the throne
Of God above;
One with the Ancient of all days,
One with the Comforter in praise,
All light and love. *Amen.*

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CREATE IN ME O GOD